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TRAFFIC VOLUME TRENDS

May 2001



Travel on all roads and streets
changed by +0.5 percent for May
2001 as compared to May 2000.



Estimated Vehicle-Miles of Travel by Region - May 2001 - (in Billions)

West	North Central	South Gulf	Northeast	South Atlantic
52.9	56.8	46.1	36.4	46.8

Change in Traffic as compared to the same month last year.

+3.2% **-0.5%** **-0.6%** **0.0%** **+0.5%**

Note: All data for this month are preliminary. Revised values for the previous month are shown in Tables 1 and 2.

All vehicle-miles of travel computed with 1999 Table VM-2 as a base

Complied with data on hand as of August 2, 2001.

Traffic Volume Trends - May 2001

Based on preliminary reports from the State Highway Agencies, travel during May 2001 on all roads and streets in the nation changed by +0.5 percent as compared to May 2000 resulting in estimated travel for the month at 238.9 billion vehicle-miles. This total includes 95.1 billion vehicle-miles on rural roads and 143.7 billion vehicle-miles on urban roads and streets.

Travel for the current month as well the cumulative yearly total on all roads and streets is shown below. Similar totals for each year since 1970 are also included.

Travel in Millions All Roads and Streets		
Year	May	Year to Date
1970	97,972	435,765
1971	103,655	460,190
1972	110,945	497,847
1973	114,819	519,660
1974	112,167	498,938
1975	116,659	519,507
1976	123,278	555,564
1977	128,884	575,218
1978	134,427	599,057
1979	132,394	617,344
1980	131,269	605,946
1981	134,305	616,382
1982	140,283	615,579
1983	143,619	640,438
1984	151,046	669,693
1985	156,726	692,273
1986	160,459	718,443
1987	167,776	761,065
1988	178,042	803,309
1989	184,823	840,616
1990	189,247	864,210
1991	191,929	861,783
1992	196,725	894,428
1993	205,981	917,111
1994	206,594	933,949
1995	212,586	976,916
1996	218,676	988,128
1997	226,082	1,023,401
1998	227,899	1,044,079
1999	230,786	1,062,303
2000	237,596	1,083,076
2001	238,865	1,090,153

Traffic Volume Trends is a monthly report based on hourly traffic count data. These data, collected at approximately 4,000 continuous traffic counting locations nationwide, are used to determine the percent change in traffic for the current month compared to the same month in the previous year. This percent change is applied to the travel for the same month of the previous year to obtain an estimate of travel for the current month.

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Table 1 - Estimated Individual Monthly Motor Vehicle Travel In The United States

System	Month											
	JAN	FEB	MAR	APRIL	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
2000 Individual Monthly Vehicle-Miles of Travel In Billions *												
Rural Interstate	18.5	18.0	21.6	21.8	23.2	23.6	25.3	24.8	21.8	22.3	21.0	20.3
Rural Other Arterial	29.5	29.4	34.5	34.2	37.0	37.2	39.0	38.5	35.2	35.9	32.8	31.6
Other Rural	27.8	27.3	32.3	32.0	34.6	34.6	35.5	35.3	32.7	33.5	30.3	28.8
Urban Interstate	29.2	28.7	32.9	32.2	34.3	34.3	33.6	34.5	32.4	33.3	32.1	31.3
Urban Other Arterial	66.9	65.1	75.7	72.9	76.7	77.2	75.6	78.1	72.2	75.6	73.0	72.1
Other Urban	<u>27.3</u>	<u>26.8</u>	<u>30.9</u>	<u>30.2</u>	<u>31.8</u>	<u>31.5</u>	<u>31.3</u>	<u>31.7</u>	<u>29.8</u>	<u>31.1</u>	<u>29.3</u>	<u>30.0</u>
All Systems	199.3	195.2	227.8	223.2	237.6	238.3	240.3	242.9	224.2	231.8	218.4	214.2
2001 Individual Monthly Vehicle-Miles of Travel In Billions *												
Rural Interstate	18.9	18.1	21.7	22.2	23.2							
Rural Other Arterial	30.1	29.0	34.2	34.8	37.1							
Other Rural	28.2	26.8	31.9	32.2	34.8							
Urban Interstate	30.1	28.7	32.6	32.8	34.4							
Urban Other Arterial	68.7	65.2	75.4	74.3	77.2							
Other Urban	<u>27.7</u>	<u>26.7</u>	<u>30.6</u>	<u>30.6</u>	<u>32.1</u>							
All Systems	203.6	194.5	226.3	226.9	238.9							
Percent Change In Individual Monthly Travel 2000 vs. 2001												
Rural Interstate	1.8	0.5	0.6	1.9	0.1							
Rural Other Arterial	1.8	-1.3	-1.0	1.7	0.5							
Other Rural	1.3	-1.9	-1.2	0.7	0.5							
Urban Interstate	3.1	0.1	-0.9	2.0	0.3							
Urban Other Arterial	2.7	0.1	-0.4	2.0	0.7							
Other Urban	<u>1.6</u>	<u>-0.2</u>	<u>-1.0</u>	<u>1.4</u>	<u>0.7</u>							
All Systems	2.2	-0.4	-0.7	1.7	0.5							

Table 2 - Estimated Cumulative Monthly Motor Vehicle Travel In The United States

System	Month											
	JAN	FEB	MAR	APRIL	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
2000 Cumulative Monthly Vehicle-Miles of Travel In Billions *												
Rural Interstate	18.5	36.5	58.1	79.8	103.0	126.6	151.9	176.6	198.5	220.8	241.8	262.1
Rural Other Arterial	29.5	58.9	93.4	127.6	164.6	201.8	240.7	279.2	314.4	350.3	383.1	414.7
Other Rural	27.8	55.1	87.4	119.5	154.1	188.6	224.1	259.4	292.1	325.6	355.8	384.7
Urban Interstate	29.2	57.9	90.8	123.0	157.3	191.6	225.2	259.6	292.1	325.4	357.5	388.7
Urban Other Arterial	66.9	132.0	207.7	280.5	357.2	434.4	510.0	588.2	660.4	736.0	809.1	881.2
Other Urban	<u>27.3</u>	<u>54.1</u>	<u>84.9</u>	<u>115.1</u>	<u>146.9</u>	<u>178.4</u>	<u>209.8</u>	<u>241.5</u>	<u>271.3</u>	<u>302.4</u>	<u>331.7</u>	<u>361.7</u>
All Systems	199.3	394.5	622.3	845.5	1083.1	1321.3	1561.6	1804.5	2028.7	2260.4	2478.9	2693.1
2001 Cumulative Monthly Vehicle-Miles of Travel In Billions *												
Rural Interstate	18.9	36.9	58.6	80.8	104.0							
Rural Other Arterial	30.1	59.1	93.2	128.0	165.1							
Other Rural	28.2	55.0	86.9	119.1	153.9							
Urban Interstate	30.1	58.8	91.4	124.3	158.7							
Urban Other Arterial	68.7	133.8	209.2	283.5	360.7							
Other Urban	<u>27.7</u>	<u>54.5</u>	<u>85.0</u>	<u>115.6</u>	<u>147.7</u>							
All Systems	203.6	398.1	624.4	851.3	1090.2							
Percent Change In Cumulative Monthly Travel 2000 vs. 2001												
Rural Interstate	1.8	1.1	0.9	1.2	0.9							
Rural Other Arterial	1.8	0.2	-0.2	0.3	0.3							
Other Rural	1.3	-0.3	-0.6	-0.3	-0.1							
Urban Interstate	3.1	1.6	0.7	1.1	0.9							
Urban Other Arterial	2.7	1.4	0.7	1.1	1.0							
Other Urban	<u>1.6</u>	<u>0.7</u>	<u>0.1</u>	<u>0.5</u>	<u>0.5</u>							
All Systems	2.2	0.9	0.3	0.7	0.7							

* System entries may not add to give "All Systems" total due to rounding.

Table 3 - Changes On Rural Arterial Roads By Region and State

Region and State	May				April			
	Number of Stations	Vehicle-Miles (Millions)		Percent Change	Number of Stations	Vehicle-Miles (Millions)		Percent Change
		2001 (Preliminary)	2000			2001 (Revised)	2000	
Northeast								
Connecticut	20	409	410	-0.3	20	379	374	1.6
Maine	-	501	500	0.2	-	478	463	3.4
Massachusetts	7	539	542	-0.5	8	500	488	2.4
New Hampshire	57	373	372	0.3	52	355	346	2.7
New Jersey	24	802	792	1.3	26	797	760	5.0
New York	-	1,622	1,613	0.6	-	1,449	1,394	3.9
Pennsylvania	-	2,559	2,595	-1.4	-	2,409	2,380	1.2
Rhode Island	-	61	62	-0.6	11	57	54	4.9
Vermont	35	245	240	1.7	36	226	212	6.8
		7,112	7,127	-0.2		6,651	6,470	2.8
South Atlantic								
Delaware	-	194	192	0.8	-	170	163	4.4
Dist Of Columbia	-	0	0	0.0	-	0	0	0.0
Florida	-	2,511	2,481	1.2	-	2,680	2,550	5.1
Georgia	25	2,262	2,233	1.3	23	2,404	2,278	5.5
Maryland	-	925	924	0.2	-	857	839	2.2
North Carolina	50	2,163	2,161	0.1	43	2,101	1,979	6.2
South Carolina	-	1,727	1,713	0.8	-	1,717	1,620	6.0
Virginia	141	2,031	2,011	1.0	138	1,851	1,800	2.8
West Virginia	39	717	735	-2.4	31	725	724	0.2
		12,530	12,451	0.6		12,505	11,954	4.6
North Central								
Illinois	12	1,963	1,892	3.7	19	1,712	1,708	0.2
Indiana	-	1,713	1,718	-0.3	-	1,660	1,660	0.0
Iowa	135	1,122	1,141	-1.7	135	1,031	1,033	-0.2
Kansas	144	915	932	-1.8	146	849	847	0.3
Michigan	122	1,968	1,995	-1.4	131	1,809	1,819	-0.6
Minnesota	-	1,435	1,463	-1.9	-	1,294	1,300	-0.5
Missouri	-	1,800	1,791	0.5	51	1,615	1,596	1.2
Nebraska	49	726	726	-0.1	49	655	653	0.3
North Dakota	57	327	335	-2.4	59	299	300	-0.5
Ohio	67	2,003	2,051	-2.3	64	1,881	1,882	0.0
South Dakota	43	398	404	-1.4	45	357	358	-0.2
Wisconsin	-	1,913	1,900	0.7	-	1,660	1,660	0.0
		16,281	16,347	-0.4		14,822	14,816	0.0
South Gulf								
Alabama	-	1,483	1,491	-0.5	-	1,466	1,439	1.8
Arkansas	61	1,055	1,042	1.2	43	1,003	988	1.6
Kentucky	48	1,297	1,307	-0.8	49	1,236	1,222	1.1
Louisiana	-	1,085	1,084	0.1	-	1,025	1,018	0.7
Mississippi	45	1,165	1,173	-0.7	45	1,124	1,121	0.2
Oklahoma	-	1,102	1,108	-0.5	-	1,048	1,040	0.8
Tennessee	7	1,722	1,766	-2.5	8	1,611	1,636	-1.5
Texas	-	4,216	4,181	0.8	-	4,073	4,022	1.3
		13,126	13,152	-0.2		12,586	12,486	0.8
West								
Alaska	-	135	132	2.6	-	109	106	3.3
Arizona	-	1,061	1,038	2.2	-	1,037	1,009	2.8
California	22	3,817	3,697	3.3	19	3,581	3,452	3.7
Colorado	-	1,047	1,048	-0.2	-	988	986	0.2
Hawaii	9	149	150	-0.3	5	134	135	-1.0
Idaho	162	452	440	2.7	162	401	398	0.8
Montana	17	505	501	0.7	17	414	419	-1.3
Nevada	-	366	355	3.0	26	318	317	0.3
New Mexico	43	755	755	0.0	48	706	703	0.5
Oregon	133	1,017	992	2.4	133	910	914	-0.5
Utah	86	570	556	2.5	84	520	523	-0.5
Washington	-	1,029	1,005	2.4	-	950	951	-0.1
Wyoming	-	387	384	0.9	-	326	326	0.0
		11,289	11,053	2.1		10,396	10,240	1.5
TOTALS	1,660	60,337	60,130	0.3	1,726	56,960	55,966	1.8

Note: Where Number of Stations are shown as dashes, the values for Vehicle-Miles and Percent Change are derived from the estimated VMT based on data from surrounding States or the Nationwide average VMT.

Traffic Volume Trends-Rural

Estimated Vehicle Miles (Millions) and Percent Change from Same Period Previous Year

(Includes Preliminary Data for May 2001)

Year - 2000												
	Rural Interstate	%	Rural Other Arterial	%	Other Rural	%	Total Rural	%	All Systems	%		
Jan	18,530	4.3	Jan	29,535	3.3	Jan	27,805	1.9	Jan	75,870	3.0	
Feb	17,981	2.0	Feb	29,375	2.3	Feb	27,321	0.2	Feb	74,677	1.4	
Mar	<u>21,555</u>	4.4	Mar	<u>34,503</u>	4.1	Mar	<u>32,298</u>	2.2	Mar	<u>88,356</u>	3.5	
Q1	58,066	3.6	Q1	93,413	3.3	Q1	87,424	1.5	Q1	238,903	2.7	
Apr	21,755	1.7	Apr	34,211	1.2	Apr	32,029	-1.0	Apr	87,995	0.5	
May	23,175	2.2	May	36,955	1.9	May	34,636	0.4	May	94,766	1.4	
Jun	<u>23,559</u>	1.6	Jun	<u>37,190</u>	1.4	Jun	<u>34,556</u>	-1.3	Jun	<u>95,305</u>	0.5	
Q2	68,489	1.8	Q2	108,356	1.5	Q2	101,221	-0.6	Q2	278,066	0.8	
1st Half	126,555	2.6	1st Half	201,769	2.3	1st Half	188,645	0.3	1st Half	516,969	1.7	
Jul	25,299	-0.7	Jul	38,962	-1.1	Jul	35,471	-3.1	Jul	99,732	-1.7	
Aug	24,774	0.5	Aug	38,469	-0.1	Aug	35,283	-1.1	Aug	98,526	-0.3	
Sep	<u>21,847</u>	0.0	Sep	<u>35,173</u>	-0.7	Sep	<u>32,662</u>	-1.8	Sep	<u>89,682</u>	-1.0	
Q3	71,920	-0.1	Q3	112,604	-0.6	Q3	103,416	-2.0	Q3	287,940	-1.0	
3 Qs	198,475	1.6	3 Qs	314,373	1.2	3 Qs	292,061	-0.5	3 Qs	804,909	0.7	
Oct	22,309	-1.0	Oct	35,892	-0.7	Oct	33,516	-1.5	Oct	91,717	-1.0	
Nov	20,997	-2.3	Nov	32,794	-2.5	Nov	30,261	-3.8	Nov	84,052	-2.9	
Dec	<u>20,310</u>	-2.8	Dec	<u>31,641</u>	-4.1	Dec	<u>28,817</u>	-7.3	Dec	<u>80,768</u>	-4.9	
Q4	63,616	-2.0	Q4	100,327	-2.4	Q4	92,594	-4.1	Q4	256,537	-2.9	
2nd Half	135,536	-1.0	2nd Half	212,931	-1.5	2nd Half	196,010	-3.0	2nd Half	544,477	-1.9	
Year	262,091	0.7	Year	414,700	0.3	Year	384,655	-1.4	Year	1,061,446	-0.2	
										Year	2,693,064	0.1

Year - 2001												
	Rural Interstate	%	Rural Other Arterial	%	Other Rural	%	Total Rural	%	All Systems	%		
Jan	18,865	1.8	Jan	30,056	1.8	Jan	28,169	1.3	Jan	77,090	1.6	
Feb	18,066	0.5	Feb	28,996	-1.3	Feb	26,808	-1.9	Feb	73,870	-1.1	
Mar	<u>21,675</u>	0.6	Mar	<u>34,155</u>	-1.0	Mar	<u>31,897</u>	-1.2	Mar	<u>87,727</u>	-0.7	
Q1	58,606	0.9	Q1	93,207	-0.2	Q1	86,874	-0.6	Q1	238,687	-0.1	
Apr	22,172	1.9	Apr	34,788	1.7	Apr	32,249	0.7	Apr	89,209	1.4	
May	23,196	0.1	May	37,141	0.5	May	34,814	0.5	May	95,151	0.4	
Jun	0	-	Jun	0	-	Jun	0	-	Jun	0	-	
Q2	45,368	1.0	Q2	71,929	1.1	Q2	67,063	0.6	Q2	184,360	0.9	
1st Half	103,974	0.9	1st Half	165,136	0.3	1st Half	153,937	-0.1	1st Half	423,047	0.3	
Jul	0	-	Jul	0	-	Jul	0	-	Jul	0	-	
Aug	0	-	Aug	0	-	Aug	0	-	Aug	0	-	
Sep	0	-	Sep	0	-	Sep	0	-	Sep	0	-	
Q3	0	-	Q3	0	-	Q3	0	-	Q3	0	-	
3 Qs	103,974	0.9	3 Qs	165,136	0.3	3 Qs	153,937	-0.1	3 Qs	423,047	0.3	
Oct	0	-	Oct	0	-	Oct	0	-	Oct	0	-	
Nov	0	-	Nov	0	-	Nov	0	-	Nov	0	-	
Dec	0	-	Dec	0	-	Dec	0	-	Dec	0	-	
Q4	0	-	Q4	0	-	Q4	0	-	Q4	0	-	
2nd Half	0	-	2nd Half	0	-	2nd Half	0	-	2nd Half	0	-	
Year	103,974	0.9	Year	165,136	0.3	Year	153,937	(0.1)	Year	423,047	0.3	
										Year	1,090,155	0.7

Traffic Volume Trends - Urban

Estimated Vehicle Miles (Millions) and Percent Change from Same Period Previous Year

(Includes Preliminary Data for May 2001)

Year - 2000														
Urban Interstate			Urban Other Arterial			Other Urban			Total Urban			All Systems		
		%			%			%			%		%	
Jan	29,212	4.1	Jan	66,896	1.9	Jan	27,300	0.8	Jan	123,408	2.2	Jan	199,278	2.5
Feb	28,677	3.0	Feb	65,077	1.5	Feb	26,772	0.0	Feb	120,526	1.5	Feb	195,203	1.5
Mar	<u>32,917</u>	3.6	Mar	<u>75,679</u>	2.2	Mar	<u>30,860</u>	1.1	Mar	<u>139,456</u>	2.3	Mar	<u>227,812</u>	2.7
Q1	90,806	3.6	Q1	207,652	1.9	Q1	84,932	0.7	Q1	383,390	2.0	Q1	622,293	2.3
Apr	32,151	1.8	Apr	72,868	0.6	Apr	30,174	-0.6	Apr	135,193	0.6	Apr	223,188	0.5
May	34,333	4.8	May	76,654	3.2	May	31,843	1.6	May	142,830	3.2	May	237,596	2.5
Jun	<u>34,268</u>	1.9	Jun	<u>77,184</u>	0.6	Jun	<u>31,500</u>	-0.8	Jun	<u>142,952</u>	0.6	Jun	<u>238,257</u>	0.5
Q2	100,752	2.9	Q2	226,706	1.4	Q2	93,517	0.1	Q2	420,975	1.5	Q2	699,041	1.2
1st Half	191,558	3.2	1st Half	434,358	1.6	1st Half	178,449	0.3	1st Half	804,365	1.7	1st Half	1,321,334	1.7
Jul	33,596	-0.1	Jul	75,649	-1.5	Jul	31,326	-3.1	Jul	140,571	-1.5	Jul	240,303	-1.6
Aug	34,494	1.3	Aug	78,145	0.8	Aug	31,702	-1.4	Aug	144,341	0.4	Aug	242,867	0.1
Sep	<u>32,449</u>	0.4	Sep	<u>72,242</u>	0.4	Sep	<u>29,810</u>	-2.2	Sep	<u>134,501</u>	-0.2	Sep	<u>224,183</u>	-0.5
Q3	100,539	0.5	Q3	226,036	-0.1	Q3	92,838	-2.2	Q3	419,413	-0.4	Q3	707,353	-0.7
3 Qs	292,097	2.3	3 Qs	660,394	1.0	3 Qs	271,287	-0.6	3 Qs	1,223,778	1.0	3 Qs	2,028,687	0.9
Oct	33,310	-0.4	Oct	75,643	-1.7	Oct	31,085	-1.5	Oct	140,038	-1.4	Oct	231,755	-1.2
Nov	32,060	-0.6	Nov	73,025	-0.9	Nov	29,309	-3.4	Nov	134,394	-1.3	Nov	218,446	-2.0
Dec	<u>31,250</u>	-1.3	Dec	<u>72,123</u>	-2.6	Dec	<u>30,035</u>	-5.6	Dec	<u>133,408</u>	-3.0	Dec	<u>214,176</u>	-3.7
Q4	96,620	-0.7	Q4	220,791	-1.7	Q4	90,429	-3.5	Q4	407,840	-1.9	Q4	664,377	-2.3
2nd Half	197,159	-0.1	2nd Half	446,827	-0.9	2nd Half	183,267	-2.9	2nd Half	827,253	-1.2	2nd Half	1,371,730	-1.5
Year	388,717	1.5	Year	881,185	0.3	Year	361,716	-1.3	Year	1,631,618	0.2	Year	2,693,064	0.1

FIGURE 1 - MOVING 12-MONTH TOTAL ON ALL HIGHWAYS

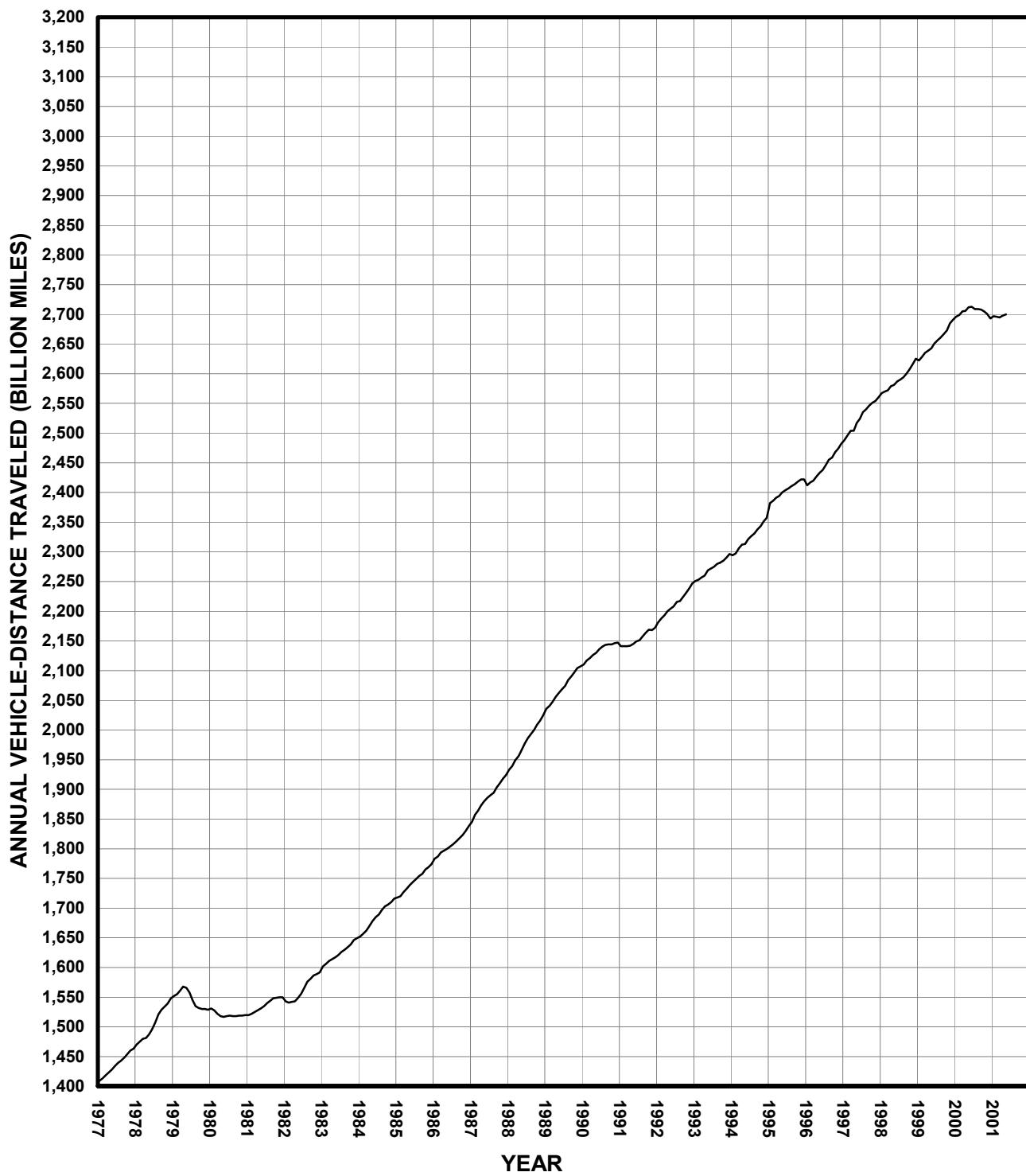


FIGURE 2 - TRAVEL ON U.S. HIGHWAYS BY MONTH

